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Dear Mr. Pruessing:

I write to express a number of concerns regarding ExxonMobil's response to the Pegasus Pipeline rupture, which occurred on March 29, 2013, spilling approximately 5,000 barrels of oil in Mayflower, Arkansas.

First, it is my understanding that ExxonMobil informed displaced Mayflower residents whose homes have been cleared by the Unified Command that after September 1, 2013, ExxonMobil intends to cut off funding for their alternative housing. I am angered and deeply concerned that ExxonMobil would prematurely terminate housing assistance for these residents, forcing them to either move back into their homes or pay the full cost of alternative housing. In my conversations with these residents, they have informed me that an extension through December 31, 2013, would provide them sufficient time to get their affairs in order. I urge ExxonMobil to continue to cover the temporary housing cost to these victims of the spill until the end of the year as they work through these very difficult issues regarding their living situations.

Second, I request that ExxonMobil make available an industry expert to meet with me, along with state and local officials, to discuss the 2010 and 2013 in-line inspections conducted on the Pegasus Pipeline. Weeks after I received highly technical raw data on these inspections, I have still not received a response from ExxonMobil to my request for a briefing on this raw data, which is indecipherable without technical assistance. I urge you to confirm that an expert will be made available, and a briefing will be provided during August.

Finally, on May 15, 2013, and July 19, 2013, I joined with my Arkansas colleagues in the U.S. Senate as well as with state and local officials in writing to ExxonMobil requesting specific information related to the safety of the pipeline along the Lake Maumelle Watershed; however, we have yet to receive a response and expect answers by August 1, 2013.

In all of these matters, ExxonMobil should step up and fulfill its duty. Please provide a response on these matters to my office by August 1, 2013. My office contact for this issue is Peter Comstock at (202) 225-2506 or Peter.Comstock@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

Tim Griffin

Member of Congress